

FIGURE 13 schematically depicts a method of the invention for mapping the persistable data contained in the objects of FIGURE 12 onto a relational database;

(comprising 14a, 14b, 14c, and 14d)

FIGURE 14 is a flow chart that describes the method of FIGURE 13 in more detail;

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FIGURE 15 illustrates that a SAN manager of the invention can communicate with a GUI server by utilizing an object request broker (ORB) over a TCP/IP connection;

FIGURE 16 illustrates an exemplary display for displaying one or more storage devices connected to the SAN of the invention and presenting information regarding selected attributes thereof;

FIGURE 17 illustrates a display in accord with the teachings of the invention displaying a containment tree hierarchy including a storage device, a LUN contained in the storage device, and selected properties of the LUN;

FIGURE 18 illustrates an exemplary display presented by a GUI in a SAN of the invention displaying a list of hosts connected to the SAN and LUNs accessible to a host selected from the list;

FIGURE 19 illustrates the use of a GUI in a SAN of the invention for assigning a LUN to a host;